



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€473.00**
The amount received for **Ballyduff**
for month of May was **€1358.00**
The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
month of May was **€487.25**
Thank you for your generosity.

Friends of Local People with M.S.

Collected the following amounts at their
recent Church Gate Collection:

Ferns: €523.85

Ballyduff: €97.21

Cloogue: €122.00

Thank you all for your generosity

School Holidays

All of our primary schools will be closed
at the end of this week, some have closed
already. We wish all a good rest, enjoy-
ment and are most grateful for the suc-
cess of the past year. Well done to all.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'World Refugee Day' was marked in Ire-
land on 20th June. We have the bishops'
statement that offers light on a very rele-
vant issue today. The homily for the
Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time calls
for courage in the light of Jesus' urging
his disciples three times in the Sunday
Gospel 'Do not be Afraid'. We have the
working document for the First Session of
the General Assembly of the Synod of
Bishops in Rome in October this year.
Sean Byrne reflects on how good came
from a recent tragedy and how a recent
report revealed that Irish people are the
loneliest in the EU. A podcast explores
where modern men are looking for spir-
itual wisdom and finally, we feature the
story of Trent Horn – a young man who
has become one of America's leading
apologists for the faith today. Check out
these and other resources available at
www.thehookoffaith.com

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P. Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.

E-mail: frpaddycushen@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**

Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford , 086 234 4674

Parish Office: Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: fernsparish@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 X5 W9**

Opening Hours: 9am-1pm & 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri

Weekend Mass Times: Vigil Mass, Saturday 6.15pm Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times: Monday to Saturday day 9.30am.

Confessions: Every **Saturday** after **9.30am** Mass & First **Thursday** after **9.30am**
Mass and on request.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, BALLYDUFF

Weekend Mass Times: Vigil Mass, Saturday 7.30pm **Eircode: Y21 FD 73**

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, CLOOGUE

Weekend Mass Time: Sunday 9.45am

Eir Code: Y21 CD 96

Reconciliation Services: Lent and Advent. **Baptism:** By appointment.

Marriage: At least three months notice must be given.

Ferns St. Vincent de Paul: Tel: 086 7219303

Safeguarding Officers: Denis Kinsella 087 2465720, Bernidina Roche 087 4455393

Ballyduff: Alan Byrne 086 8135149. Cloogue: Mary Skelton 087 6984703

St. Aidan's Church, Ferns

We have a live Webcam Streaming for all Masses. The camera is focused on the
Altar & Sanctuary. You can watch Mass & Services live from St. Aidan's Church by going to
YouTube and searching for Ferns Church or on Facebook at Ferns Church Live or on our
Parish Website www.fernsparish.ie



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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24th & 25th June 2023

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25th June 2023

'Do not fear' is the unifying theme in this passage which is set in the context of a mission
sermon by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead. He urges them to have courage
in speaking his message and living his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Fa-
ther whose care for us exceeds his care for hundreds of sparrows. How has trust in God been
a source of strength in life for you?

The body/soul terminology presupposes an anthropology in which the soul represents one's
real self and the body is the perishable shell. For Jesus the important thing is to be true to
one's real self, even if this does involve some material or physical loss or pain. When you
have had that kind of courage, what was it like for you?

There is no such thing as secret discipleship. It is in declaring their allegiance to Jesus that his
followers will find life. They will be the losers if they hide their discipleship. Does this reso-
nate with your experience?

WORLD YOUTH DAY Diocese of Ferns

Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th August, 2023. World Youth Day Gathering with Pope Francis

Subsidised Price : €450. The price includes:

- Return Flights from Dublin to Lisbon, August 3rd-6th
- Transfer in Lisbon Airport to hotel and return transfer for departure.
- 2 nights B&B accommodation in a city centre hotel in Lisbon.
- Meals (lunch and dinner) provided by the WYD Organising Committee • World Youth Day
Package with Insurance, Free Public Transport • Pilgrim pack.

Parishes may be in a position to partially fund the cost of the trip - please enquire with your Parish
Priest. To enquire please contact:

Ferns WYD Pilgrimage Director: Fr Brian Whelan. FernsWYD@gmail.com 053-9428163

Thought for the day—25th June 2023

My garden is a haven of peace, a restful sanctuary for the mind. In a corner, my few drills of pota-
toes are thriving. Beside me, parsley and chives flourish in a terracotta tub. My apple tree promises
a rich harvest. The lawn is trim and tidy thanks to my neighbour Kevin, who mows it for me regu-
larly. In the centre of the lawn, a young copper beech tree is growing apace, taller now than my-
self. There are weeds about too. Welcome weeds! Save for the rustling branches above me and
occasional twittering's in the hedgerow, there is absolute stillness. Sunshine. Warmth. A caressing
breeze. A sip of tea. Contentment. So many blessings. So many blessings.

Stolen Moments, John Quinn (Veritas).

Diocese of Ferns Pilgrimage to Fátima, Portugal October 2023

11th October 2023 for 7 nights. (Present for the Feast Day Celebrations of 13th of October). €899
per person sharing. Includes Flights Dublin-Lisbon; 20kg Bag; Airport transfers Lisbon-Fátima; 7
Nights Hotel; Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day. Full Religious Programme. Guided
Tours of: Sanctuary, Basilica, Village of Aljustrel & Valinhos, & visit to town of Santarém (site of
Eucharistic Miracle).

Spiritual Directors: Fr. Denis Browne & Fr. Paddy Banville.

More information: Fr. Denis Browne 086 8926260

For Bookings Contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 & info@joewalshstours.ie

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

24th & 25th June 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Alice, Aidan & Padraig Earle,
Pairc Mhuire

Mick & Josie Kenny, Pairc Mhuire
Tom Guinan, Coolroe

8.30am: Breda Roche, Carnew Road,
Ferns

11.00am: Joseph Morris, St. Anne's
Rita Brosnan, Enniscorthy Road

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: James O'Neill, Bolinaspect & his
sister Mary & deceased family members

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

People of the Parish

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

1st & 2nd July 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15 pm: Masie Jackman & her brother
Stephen & deceased family members of
the Jackman Family, Woodlands, Ferns
Stasia Banville, Coolbawn & deceased
family members of the Kirwan & Banville
Families

8.30am: Nancy Doran, Coolatore

11.00am: Billy Curry, Pairc Mhuire & his
wife Mary

Agnes Long, late of Dublin

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Paddy Hall, Kilthomas

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Mary Byrne, Milltown

Patron Dates 2023

Clogogue

30th July at 2pm Mass

1.15p.m. Ballymore Cemetery.

Ballyduff

13th August at 2pm

1st & 2nd July 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Dermot O'Brien

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Mary Sinnott & Tommy Davitt

**The Rathnure Summer Musical
Is back! "One Friday": The Musical**
runs for six performances only in
Rathnure Hall on 25th, 26th, 28th,
30th June & July 2nd and 3rd July at
7.45pm nightly! Call 0876988004 or
0876790354 to book your tickets.

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For the abolition of torture: We pray that
the international community may commit
in a concrete way to ensuring the aboli-
tion of torture and guarantee support to
victims and their families.

Shopping in The Parish Office

Ferns Parish Office has now got a
card reader. We can now take
contactless payments in the office.

Marriage

*Congratulations to
Derek Dickenson & Shannon Fortune
Tomás Stamp & Helena Murray
who were married recently.
We wish them health and
happiness in their future lives
together.*

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
MJ Peter Doran
who was baptised recently.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Tue. 4th July - Thurs. 6th July 2023

Bus leaving St. Peter's Square, Wexford at
6.30am



[via Enniscorthy (Abbey sq.)]
Ferns (Bus Stop),
Gorey (Hospital)]

return to Wexford Thursday at
6.00 p.m.

Island Fee: **€80.00** Bus: **€70.00**

Bookings:

Fr. P. Cushen, Ferns, 053-9366152

Mobile 087-2387559

Ferns Parish Office 053-9366514

Bookings taken and seat guaranteed with
deposit of **€50.00**.

with **€50 non-refundable deposit**.

Knock Pilgrimage 2023

*"Ferns and Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage
to Knock Shrine, Sun July 2nd 2023."* We
are asking for volunteers from each parish
to organise a coach to bring pilgrims to Our
Lady's shrine on the day. We are also ask-
ing for singers to join our pilgrimage choir
in singing simple, well-known hymns dur-
ing the ceremonies. For more information
about the Pilgrimage, please contact the Sec
on 087 2933545 as soon as possible.

Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday, 2nd July 2023

Cost including 2 meals: **€70.00**

To book your place

Contact: SEAN KINSELLA

(053) 9123819 OR NEIL FOLEY

(087) 9740120

Ferns Prayer Group

Next Prayer Group meeting in
The Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 28th
June from 7.30 pm. to 8.30 pm.
Everyone Welcome.

Ferns Castle

Beautiful Ferns Castle is open for the
Summer. Free entry and free guided
tours. Enjoy the breath-taking views of
the lovely countryside and experience
first-hand, the story of Ferns'
extraordinary history.

EXAMINATIONS

We wish every success to all who have
completed their public examinations.
**It is a great relief. Enjoy the summer
break and please God you will be most
satisfied with your results when they
come. It is over—enjoy the break.**

Diocesan Nurse

The Diocese of Ferns requires a Nurse to pro-
vide an advocacy and support service to
Priests in the Diocese of Ferns. The Diocese
consists of 49 parishes in
Wexford and Wicklow.

The post will be part-time, flexible and
initially for a three year period.

The ideal candidate must be:

- *A registered General Nurse (ideally with
Community experience)
 - *Self-motivated and have the ability to co-
ordinate care planning in a community based
environment
 - *Possess excellent communication skills.
 - *Competency in time management.
 - *Full clean driving licence and own transport
are essential.
- Please email your application to
adm@ferns.ie or by post to The Secretary,
Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, PO Box 40,
Wexford. Closing date for applications is
Friday 30th June 2023.

Iconography Retreat

Iconography retreat led by

Lucho Alvarez

in the Pastoral Centre Ferns
From Sat 1st to Thurs 6th July.

For Info & Booking

Please phone Monica 087 6419960

***St. Peter—Apostle, Pope
Feast Day June 29th***

St. Peter has several feasts: his Chair at Antioch and
at Rome, feast of his Chains, and feast of his Con-
fession of the Divinity of Our Lord. But this one,
June 29th, commemorates his glorious death on
Vatican Hill, where at his request, he was crucified
upside down. Thus during his last agony, his eyes
were looking up above the clouds to the heavens
where his Master awaited him.

Prayer

***St. Peter, pray that we may have the humility to
weep over our faults and courage to go forward as
you did in complete surrender to the will of God.
Amen.***